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S E C R E T VIENTIANE 3823

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MCAP, LA

SUBJECT: REDUCTION OF LAO ARMED FORCES AND INTEGRATION OF
IRREGULARS

1. GENERAL TREFRY AND I MET WITH DEFMIN SISOUK THIS MORNING TO GO OVER ONCE AGAIN THE FAMILIAR GROUND OF FORCE REDUCTION AND INTEGRATION OF THE LIF. IN OUR PRESENCE SISOUK TOLD THE FAR G-1 THAT HE WISHED TO SIGN TODAY THE ORDER CREATING NEW BATTALIONS IN FAR WHICH WOULD ABSORB THE EXISTING LIF. IT APPEARS THIS PROBLEM MAY HAVE FINALLY BEEN SOLVED.

2. ON FORCE LEVELS SISOUK SHOWED US FIGURES ACCORDING TO WHICH FAR IS VERY CLOSE TO THE 60,000-MAN LEVEL. BAD WEATHER HAD PREVENTED VANG PAO FROM ATTENDING HIS MAY 10 MEETING SO THAT MR II FIGURES WERE UNCLEAR.

3. ALTHOUGH THE QUESTION OF HOW THE DESCENT FROM 60,000 TO 50,000 WILL BE FINANCED IS STILL UP IN THE AIR, WE ARE BREATHING A SIGH OF RELIEF HERE THAT THE 60,000 LEVEL HAS BEEN ACHIEVED AND THAT LIF INTEGRATION IS IN HAND AT LAST.

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